

Stranahan Stewardship Committee Meeting

February 17, 2015 Old School House Commons 6:30 pm.

Members Attending: Diana Batzel, Jim Brimblecombe, John Domey, Ed Jalbert, Jenny Warshow.

Minutes from 1/19/15 were approved.

Discussion: In the previous meeting the Committee had decided to recommend to the Select board to push out the bid for the current logging job, however with Ed present at this meeting he was able to update us on his progress and suggest that we go ahead with the bidding process. He knew of several parties that would be interested in bidding and that some work could be started as early as this winter. He volunteered to attend the Select board meeting the following night to make the recommendation and answer any questions they might have. It was pointed out that the VLT also needs to be informed and approve. The Committee approved these steps.

The next point up for discussion was the Town Meeting display and questionnaire. Jenny had several new maps made that could be mounted for display; the Committee reviewed them. She also passed out the questionnaire she had worked on. Each member read over the questionnaire, made comments, and approved it as is. It was agreed that we would try to display the questionnaire at different locations to try and capture a broader audience, in addition to Town Meeting and Front Porch Forum. Jenny will work to complete these projects.

The buzz on the bee meadow was the last discussion. Information regarding the planting of a bee meadow for interested towns had been distributed via email. Several individuals had suggested the Martin Bridge area and the Stranahan Town Forest. No representatives were available to meet with us at our meeting but we will keep this on our radar to discuss in the future and in conjunction with the Conservation Commission.

Actions: Ed will attend Select board meeting to recommend we do bid the logging job now. Jenny will prep display and questionnaire for Town Meeting.

Next meeting March 16, 2015 @6:30 pm Old School House Commons.

Agenda: New business, minutes, logging, questionnaire results, management plan, bee meadow.

Approved: 3/16/15

Prepared by Diana Batzel